



Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department

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To: Mayor Shane Blaser, Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission, Wisconsin Rapids Common Council

From: Todd Eckes, WRFD Interim Fire Chief

Date: February 3, 2022

RE: Monthly Summary for January 2022

WRFD meetings, events, training, and notable calls for the month of January:

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Finance and Property meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Officers meeting
- Public Education Meeting
- First Cadet Training
- Wood County Fire Chiefs meeting
- North Central Fire Chiefs meeting
- All three crews completed CPR & ACLS Training
- 4 Management Staff attended media Training in Pittsville
- Attended both Bi-weekly Building addition meetings
- Crews received Weapons of Mass Destruction Training
- December 13th EMS Intern started on Crew 1
- Attended tow local High Schools for Recruitment presentations
- 2 members helped Rhinelander Fire Department with their Officer Assessment center

WRFD Notes:

January Anniversaries: Todd Eckes 15 Years



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WRFD Notes:

January started out with a large increase in COMD responses, which in turn means a large increase in call volume. By January 17, we were averaging just shy of 16 calls a day and ended the month at 444 calls for the month. COMD calls not only increase call volume but also bring with them longer responses from extra necessary disinfecting and a large increase in cost per transport due to the extra equipment used such as Personal Protective Equipment. COMD outbreaks also bring with them members testing positive due exposure both at work and off work. In return, it drives the cost of Overtime up from replacement workers for those affected.

On January 12, WRFD rolled out the Fire Cadet program that we had been working on for the last few months. This is a recruitment tool where we visit local high schools recruiting students to experience the job of a Fire fighter/Medic. We started the program with 6 students that will meet once a month for two hours and receive training that will give them a real-time view of the industry. We have collaborated with MSTC and the Fire Academy that will start in the fall. These students have the opportunity to be a part of that program, further enhancing their experience with the hope that it excites them enough to look at career in Fire & EMS and maybe someday be a member of WRFD. Earlier this fall we visited Lincoln high school and spoke with interested students. Most recently, we visited Pittsville High School on January 25 and Nekoosa High School on January 27. Port Edwards and Assumption are in the very near future.

Our changeover to a new billing service continues with three phone call meetings trying to upload all necessary information and documentation for them to bill on our behalf. It is early in the process but it appears that Life Quest will be able to do much more for us about tracking and processing of the billing side EMS. There are categories they can work with us on to improve that billing process and improve our returns on collectibles. They are also very willing to train with our members to help improve our report writing to include key words that will help with the better returns on our collectibles. One more caveat they are working with us on, is a comparison of our Ambulance fee schedule to do an analysis of the comparable services in the state to make a rational decision on any needed changes with our ambulance rates that we use to bill the patients that we transport and care for.

Lastly, the construction continues with the addition/Renovation. Everything is still on schedule. The exterior is complete except for the shingles, with that slated to begin late this week or early next. Interior walls are completing and the electrical, plumbing, heating & ventilation are hard at work on the inside. Some drywall on the ceiling is complete with the walls scheduled to complete end of the second week of February. Move in date to the new addition is still on track for end of March early April as scheduled. Contractors will then move into Phase II, which is renovation of the existing Station scheduled for completion mid to late July.



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WRFD JANUARY 2022 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	January 2022 Responses	Total # of 2022 Responses	January 2021 Responses	Total # of 2021 Responses
EMS 911	411	411	268	268
EMS IFT	7	7	19	19
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	0	1	1
FIRE	2	2	2	2
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	NA	NA
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	2	2	3	3
SERVICE CALLS	4	4	6	6
GOOD INTENT	9	9	NA	NA
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	9	9	8	8
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	444	444	307	307

Notes:

- Fire 100 Series: Fire (*s structure, vehicle, wildland*)
- Fire 200 Series: *Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)*
- Fire 300 Series: Rescue & Emergency Service Incident (*Motor vehicle accident, EMS Calls*)
- Fire 400 Series: *Hazardous Condition (spills, leaks with no fire)*
- Fire 500 Series: Service Calls (water & smoke problems, burning complaints)
- Fire 600 Series: *Good Intent (Dispatched and cancelled, Citizen needs help)*
- Fire 700/800 Series: (700) False Alarms (800) Severe Weather/Natural Disasters

Runs by District	January 2022	2022 Totals	January 2021	2021 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	335	335	271	271
Saratoga	29	29	19	19
Village Port Edwards	15	15	8	8
Village Biron	16	16	6	6
Town of Port Edwards	8	8	NA	NA
Nekoosa	30	30	NA	NA
Granmoor	2	2	NA	NA
Mutual Aid Given	9	9	2	2
Mutual Aid Received	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	444	444	307	307

Confined Space Stand-by	January 2022	Total # 2022	January 2021	Total # 2021
TOTALS	37	37	11	343